

City of Columbus

Coalition for a Nonviolent Columbus

Neighborhood Grant Application

Submit Completed Grant Applications to:
City of Columbus, Department of Public Safety

Attn: Grant Application
50 W. Gay Street, 2nd Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

OR

Send electronically to:
aaford@columbus.gov

For Questions:
Gale Gray
614.645.1950
gagray@columbus.gov

Guidelines, Grant Process and Administration

Coalition for a Nonviolent Columbus (CNC)

Mayor Michael B. Coleman established the Coalition for a Nonviolent Columbus to engage and encourage residents to become involved in their neighborhoods' success, act as a forum for studying and applying best practice theories and serve as an initial review and recommendation board for neighborhood seed grants.

The CNC is made up of 25 voting members, appointed by the Mayor of Columbus, representing some neighborhood organizations, the faith-based community and non-profit service providers. There is also a variety supporting members to offer insight and provide resources to the voting membership.

Goals of the Neighborhood Grants

There are three goals:

- Encourage and support residents to work together to create community-based initiatives that are specific to their needs and that will directly impact their neighborhood;
- Provide financial support for one-time costs (not on-going operating expenses) for neighborhood-led initiatives that address crime and safety within Columbus neighborhoods; and
- Improve safety, reduce criminal activity and improve the quality of life in Columbus neighborhoods.

Number and Amount of Grants

The City of Columbus will disburse, through Crime Stoppers, over \$40,000 for grants in 2011. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000 per project. Each application is evaluated on its own merit by the CNC. Their recommendations will be forwarded to the Safety Director and the Community Relations Commission Director for final approval. The final decision may not be appealed but the applicant may reapply during the next filing period. Also note, the CNC has the discretion to reduce the amount of a grant request as they see fit.

Eligibility and Criteria

Grant applications will be accepted from a wide variety of community groups and organizations including area commissions, civic associations, neighborhood block watch groups, faith-based organizations, non-profits, etc. Collaboration between and among various neighborhood groups and organizations is encouraged.

Grant applications must fall into one of the following categories:

- Public Safety (Examples: form a new blockwatch, create a community/faith-based intervention team, crime prevention activities)
- Neighborhood Improvement (Examples: graffiti clean-up, neighborhood clean-up event, graffiti cameras)
- Education and Outreach (Examples: community events focusing on violence, drug/gang education for parents, anti-violence programs)

Projects must demonstrate measurable outcomes (changes in the conditions of safety, visible neighborhood improvements and increased education and awareness) as a result of having completed the funded project/program Please provide information according to the four key criteria:

- Severity of the Problem or Condition (what kind of crime is the neighborhood faced with, drug activity, gangs, etc.)
- Leverage of Resources (financial, volunteers, in-kind, etc.)
- Measurable Outcomes (changes in the conditions of safety, visible neighborhood improvements and/or increased education and awareness)
- Partnership/Collaboration (are other organizations or community groups working with your organization on this project/program)

Strengths in the above four criteria will enhance the competitiveness of any proposal. Other guidelines include:

- Projects/programs must demonstrate a focus on “crime” and “safety” which together improve neighborhood quality of life;
- All projects/programs receiving grants must be implemented within the City of Columbus limits;
- All projects/programs must be initiated and completed by November 30, 2011, there will be no extensions; and
- Grantees must submit a final report within 30 days of completing the project/program.

To Apply

There are two grant filing periods in 2011:

1. The first filing period will be March 1 through March 31. **All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 31.**
2. The second filing period will be May 1 through May 31. **All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 31.**

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Applications received after each deadline will not be considered.

Application and Disbursement

The month following each grant filing period, the CNC Grants Committee will review all applications. The committee will then present the slate of grant applications to the entire CNC for discussion and recommendation for funding. The recommended applications will then be presented to the Safety Director and Community Relations Commission Director for final approval. Once the final decision has been made, the CNC Grants Committee will notify the grantee of the award.

Provided are key application and disbursement dates for 2011:

Activity	1 st Filing Period March 1 – March 31	2 nd Filing Period May 1 – May 31
Application deadline	March 31 at 5:00 p.m.	May 31 at 5:00 p.m.
CNC review and recommendations	April 29	June 30
Grant funds distributed	May 15	July 15
Final report from grantees	Final report due at project completion	Final report due at project completion

A final report is due within 30 days of completing the project/program. All final reports must be submitted by December 15, 2011. Failure to submit a final report will result in ineligibility to receive future CNC Neighborhood Grant funds.

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NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION**

ORGANIZATION/GROUP NAME:
ADDRESS:
CITY/STATE/ZIP:
PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON:
PRIMARY CONTACT DAY PHONE: EVENING PHONE:
PRIMARY CONTACT EMAIL:
GRANT TOPIC AREA (Please mark the appropriate area) ___ PUBLIC SAFETY ___ NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ___ EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUEST: \$
TOTAL BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT: \$
COMMUNITY(IES) SERVED BY THIS PROJECT/PROGRAM:
EXPECTED START DATE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM:
EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION OF PROJECT/ PROGRAM:
SIGNATURE(S)/DATE:

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

<p>1. Describe the overall project/program to be funded under this grant. Make certain to address the following: Severity of problem or condition, leverage of resources, and any partnerships and/or collaborations.</p>
<p>2. Timetable for the project/program. Please include specific steps/activities, responsible person/group for carrying out the activity and anticipated date the step will be completed.</p>
<p>3. Please describe neighborhood involvement in the project, for both the planning and implementation phases.</p>
<p>4. Please indicate the City departments and other agencies (if any) with whom you have worked to analyze the problem and identify the proposed solution. (Feel free to include support data from those agencies.)</p>
<p>5. What are the measureable short-term and long-term outcomes of this project/program?</p>
<p>6. If any, please list other funders for this program/project that will be submitted. For each, indicate the amount requested and the status of the request (submitted, pending, funded, declined). If funded, specify the amount.</p>
<p>7. Please attach a project/program budget using forms provided. Utilize whichever categories are appropriate. Please consider if you will need to obtain a permit, license, special duty police personnel and/or EMS personnel for this project/program and the associated cost.</p>

BUDGET SHEET

Expenses (describe items)	Requested Amount	Other Funding Received
Supplies & Materials:		
Subtotal Supplies & Materials		
Services:		
Subtotal for Services:		
Other:		
Subtotal for Other:		
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL:		

